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Dear Examiner:

This amendment is in response to the final Office Action mailed February 27, 2006, which established a shortened statutory period for response that expires on May 27, 2006. The Examiner is asked to enter the following terminal disclaimer to the above-identified application in accordance with the provisions of Rule 116.

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